

AN ORDINANCE **97698**

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM ASSOCIATION D/B/A THE WITTE MUSEUM TO EXPAND THEIR LEASED PREMISES TO INCLUDE PIONEER HALL AND AMENDING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT FOR A TWENTY FIVE (25) YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2022.

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WHEREAS, the San Antonio Museum Association, doing business as the Witte Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a natural science and history museum to the citizens of San Antonio and to visitors to the City of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, a ten-year lease agreement (the "Lease") for operation of the museum on park property was passed and approved by City Council in Ordinance 86520 on August 28, 1997; and

WHEREAS, adjacent to the Witte Museum is Pioneer Hall, operated by the Pioneers, Trail Drivers and Former Texas Rangers, Inc., which is dedicated as a memorial to Texas pioneers, trail drivers and Texas Rangers, as mandated by a 1936 agreement with the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Pioneer Hall is in need of operation and maintenance improvements that Pioneers, Trail Drivers and Former Texas Rangers, Inc. has been unable to address; and

WHEREAS, the Witte Museum has the operational, technical and financial resources to operate and maintain Pioneer Hall and is agreeable to doing so; and

WHEREAS, the Witte Museum will be required to maintain Pioneer Hall in accordance with the original 1936 agreement with the State of Texas, will develop an operating plan for the Pioneer Hall and will make capital improvements to Pioneer Hall, all of which will benefit the Pioneer Hall and the citizens who visit the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Witte Museum has requested to extend the Lease from a ten year term to a twenty-five year term that will expire on September 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to authorize the execution of Amendment Number One to the Lease with the Witte Museum to expand the Witte Museum's leased premises to include Pioneer Hall and to lengthen the lease term; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Section 1. The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 to the ten year Lease Agreement for the use of park property by the San Antonio Museum Association, doing business as The Witte Museum. A copy of said Amendment, in substantially correct form, is affixed hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as Attachment I.

Section 2. This ordinance will become effective on the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of May, 2003.

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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:

Jolanda L. Ledesma
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney